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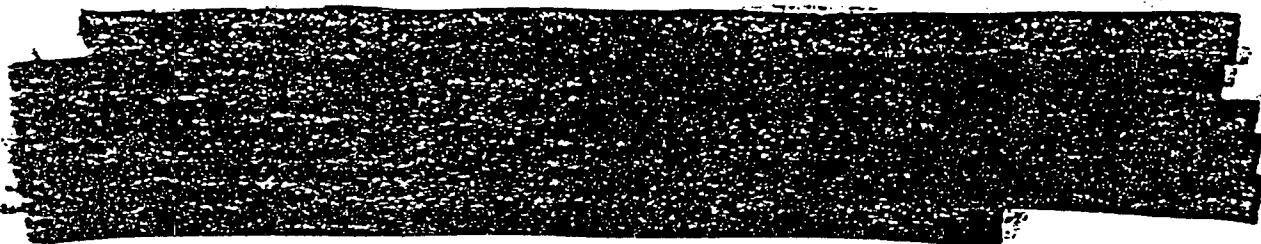
The Honorable Edward M. Kennedy
Chairman, Subcommittee on Health and Scientific Research
Committee on Human Resources
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In your letter of 13 March 1978 to Admiral Turner, you requested a status report concerning the Agency's efforts to identify and locate individuals who may have been the unwitting subjects of drug-testing sponsored by CIA in the 1950s and 1960s as part of Project MKULTRA. As you have indicated, Admiral Turner stated in his testimony before the Subcommittee on Health and Scientific Research on 21 September 1977, that the Agency was working closely with the Attorney General, and was willing to provide him with all available information, to determine whether it would be practicable to undertake an effort to identify any of these individuals and how best to fulfill whatever responsibility might be determined to rest with the government in this regard. While there may have been some misunderstanding concerning the progress of this matter at that time, the Agency has been working closely with the Justice Department since last summer to develop an appropriate program to accomplish these purposes.

From early August, when Admiral Turner gave similar testimony in this regard to a joint hearing before your subcommittee and the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, to the present,

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While the resolution of this problem has taken far longer than anyone could have anticipated, I believe that the parties involved have not been lax but rather that the delay is a reflection of the degree of difficulty of the issues which prudence dictated addressing prior to initiating any action. I shall advise you further as soon as we have received the response of the Department of Justice. At that time we should be in a position to address more adequately the practicality of whatever courses of action may be deemed to be available to the government in the light of that response.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Stansfield Turner

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